

Articles

And the other bookes (as Hierome sayth) the Church doth reade for example of life and instruction of maners: but yet doth it not applie them to establishe any doctrine. Such are these folowing.

The third boke of Esdras. Baruch, the Prophet.
The fourth boke of Esdras Song of the 3. children.
The booke of Tobias. The storie of Susanna.
The booke of Iudith. Of Bel and the Dragon.
The rest of the booke of The prayer of Manasses
Hester. The 1. boke of Machab.
The booke of Wisdome. The 2. boke of Machab.
Iesus the sonne of Sirach.

All the bookes of the newe Testament, as they are commonly receaued, we do receaue and ac-
compt them for Canonically.

7 Of the olde Testament.

THE olde Testament is not contrary to the newe, for both in the olde and newe Testament euerlasting life is offered to mankinde by Christ, who is the onely mediator betweene God and man, being both God & man. Wherefore they are not to bee hearde which saie that the olde fathers dyd looke only for transitorie promises. Although the lawe giuen from

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from God by Moyses, as touching ceremonies and rites, do not bynde Christian men, nor the ciuile preceptes thereof, ought of necessitie to be receyued in any comon wealth: yet not withstanding, no Christian man whatsoeuer, is free from the obedience of the commaundements, which are called morall.

8 Of the three Creedes.

THE three Creedes, Nicene Crede, Athanasius Crede, and that which is commonly called the Apostles Crede ought throughly to be receaued and beleued: for they may be proued by most certayne warrauntes of holys scripture.

9 Of originall or birth sinne.

O Riginall sinne standeth not in the folowing of Adam (as y Pelagians do baine-ly talke) but it is the fault and corruption of the nature of euery man, that naturally is engendred of the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very farre gone from originall ryghteousnes, and is of his owne nature enclined to euill, so that the flesh lusteth alwayes contrary to the spirit, and therefore in euery person borne into this worlde, it deserueth Gods wrath and Damna-